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HONGKONG, MARCH 11TH, 1910.

A new record in naval expenditure is reached in Great Britain this year. The Naval Estimates for the coming year. REUTER tells us, amount to no less than £40,603,700. Compared with last year's expenditure an excess of £5,551,000 is shown. But the extra burden on the British taxpayer represents rather more than that. Hitherto India and the Colonies have voted appropriations in aid, amounting altogether to nearly half a million pounds sterling. The Australian Commonwealth, which has in recent years been contributing over £200,000 a year, has undertaken to provide and maintain an Australian section of a Far Eastern Fleet. Canada also is to lay the foundation of a fleet of her own, so that when we compare the new estimates which have just been laid before Parliament with those of previous years, we have to take into account the fact that hitherto the estimates have represented the total cost of the whole British Navy, and this time, although the estimates are increased by over five and a half million pounds sterling, they do not cover the whole cost. We have to add the expenditures which Australia and Canada are incurring in building up fleets of their own. No nation in the world spends so much on her Navy as Great Britain—for the very sufficient reason that no other nation has so much shipping land commerce and so many miles of coast to protect. The British mercantile marine is represented by something like nineteen million gross tons, which carries the annual value of nearly £1,700,000,000 (including trillion and

specie), and it has been calculated that Great Britain's naval expenditure, regarded as insurance premium, has during recent years been 1.9 per cent., while other nations spend approximately as follows (in millions of £):—United States, 25.1 to protect 4,854,787 tons, of mercantile shipping; Japan, 5.2 for 1,150,000 tons; Russia, 12.4 for 975,000 tons; Germany 11.4 for 4,230,000 tons, and France 12.8 for 1,384,000. In most of these cases the "insurance premium" is a high one, but then, nations do not take so restricted a view of their naval expenditure. "Neptune with his trident," said the Emperor William a few years ago, is a symbol for us that we have new tasks to fulfil. That trident must be in our hands." President Taft, in his inaugural address, made a plea for a big Army and Navy on the ground that in the international controversies which might arise in the Orient in regard to the Open Door and other matters, we must be backed by something more than mere diplomacy. Thus we reach the view that strong navies are wanted not merely for protection in the ordinary acceptance of the term, but also for the enhancement of prestige and diplomatic influence. So the game of beggar-my-neighbour goes on amongst the nations. Lord ROSEBERRY voiced the general feeling on the subject when he spoke at the Imperial Press Conference last year. "When," he said, "I see this bursting out of navies everywhere, when I see one country alone asking for twenty-five millions of extra taxation for warlike preparation, when I see the absolutely unprecedented sacrifices which are asked from us on the same ground, I do begin to feel uneasy at the outcome of it all, and wonder where it will stop, or if it is nearly going to bring back Europe to a state of barbarism, or whether it will cause a catastrophe in which the working men of the world will say, 'We will have no more of this madness; its foolery which is grinding us to powder.' We all wonder."

The loss of a tent from a lighter in the harbour was the only report furnished to the police yesterday.

The Withers Concert Party, who have won a high reputation among music lovers in all the ports of the Far East, give a concert in the City Hall this evening.

Invitations have been issued by Mr. H. N. Mody and the Committee of the Hongkong University for the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the University building by His Excellency the Governor on Wednesday next at 4 p.m.

The death occurred at Singapore last week of Mr. Tan Hook Chan, managing partner of Messrs. Wee Bin & Co., the Chinese ship-owners. He leaves a widow and six children to mourn his loss. The body is being sent to China for burial by a Wee Bin steamer.

The rubber boom has evidently benefited not only landmen, but in some cases seamen as well. A Singapore paper hears that within a week two skippers who had been connected for a number of years with the coasting trade, with Singapore as their headquarters, have retired from the East, and have gone home for good.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—
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MacLennan, Frickel & Co. ... 25
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An interesting case came before Mr. E. E. Hallifax at the Magistrate's yesterday, when a Chinese was prosecuted for having knowingly harboured a married woman according to the laws and customs of China who had left the protection of her husband at Kowloon. The woman had left her husband some six months ago, but was discovered by the husband living with the prisoner. Sentence of three months' imprisonment was passed.

The case in which S. E. Allan was prosecuted by S. A. Marican for embezzling \$250 and a gold watch and chain was concluded before Mr. E. E. Hallifax at the Magistrate's yesterday. After hearing further evidence his Worship held that there was no case to send to a jury and discharged the defendant. Mr. P. W. Goldring of Messrs. Goldring, Barlow & Mayall represented the prosecutor, and Mr. P. W. Goldring of Messrs. Brutton & Hett represented the defendant.

The case was resumed before Mr. J. B. Wood at the Magistrate's yesterday in which the Chinese are charged with assaulting the commander of the West River steamer *Shui On*. When the steamer grounded recently near Capismun the prisoners approached the commander and insisted upon luncheon being obtained to convey them to Hongkong. The commander refused to comply with the request and was set upon by the five men, who handled him very roughly. The hearing was again remanded.

The settling days for 1910 are announced by the Hongkong Stockbrokers' Association in our advertising columns.

The Portuguese Lilliputians gave another successful performance of "La Mascotte" at the Theatre Royal yesterday afternoon. It was evident that the play was greatly appreciated by the large number present, for the little thespians were warmly applauded by the spectators, and acted their parts with an assurance which might have made older amateurs envious.

The Rev. Fr. Pietro Cogliogli, the Provincial of the Salesian congregation, has been invited by the committee of the Club Lasciant to give a lecture to the Portuguese community at the Luis Camoes Hall this evening on his impressions of a tour through Africa, India, Brazil, Portugal and its Colonies, and China. The lecturer is an Italian priest who has spent seven years in Brazil, and speaks Portuguese with native fluency. Father Cogliogli leaves for San Francisco to-morrow.

MARRIAGE AT ST. JOHN'S

CHAPMAN-WRIGHT

In the presence of a large congregation at St. John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon the marriage was solemnized of Miss Margery Hopworth Chapman, daughter of Lieut. Col. Arthur Chapman, V.D., and Mr. Arthur Edgar Wright (of the Public Works Engineering Staff), son of Mr. Francis Gaud Wright, of Kingston-on-Thames.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a trimmings robe of ivory satin, trimmed with silk and silver embroidery, the work of Madame Barber. She wore a wreath of orange blossoms, and had as attendants Miss Gaynor Kerfoot Hughes and Master Donald Geoffrey Chapman, the former being dressed in white muslin, trimmed with pale blue ribbon, and hat to match; and the latter in white reefer suit, trimmed with blue silk. As presents from the bridegroom the attendants were respectively a gold and pearl brooch, and gold sleeve links. The bride carried a choice bouquet of rhododendron, Isidolum, eucharis lilies, orange blossom, gypsophila, and madonna lilies, arranged by Mr. Geo. A. Caldwell.

The bridegroom was attended by Mr. H. T. Joekman. The service was fully choral, the bride having been a member of the Cathedral choir, and two hymns were sung: "The Voice that breathed O'er Eden" and "Oh Perfect Love." The officiating clergymen were the Rev. F. T. Johnson, M.A., and the Rev. A. B. Thornhill, D.A., while Mr. Deaman Fuller presided at the organ and played appropriate wedding marches and chorales.

The bride's gifts to the bridegroom were a set of hammered gold buttons, and gold sleeve links; while the bridegroom's gift to the bride was an emerald and diamond ring.

After the ceremony a largely attended reception was held at Blue Bungalow. The bride's going-away dress was an amethyst cloth costume, braided, and she wore a black picture hat.

The presents were numerous and valuable, and included a silver bowl from H.E. the Governor, a silver tea service and butter dish from the Public Works Department Staff, a blackwood cabinet from the Sergeants' Mess of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps, a repeater clock from No. 3 Company H.K.V.A., and a blackwood writing desk from the Clergy, Organist and Choir of St. John's Cathedral.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

The following telegram was received from the Head Office of the Chartered Bank by the local branch yesterday:—

"At the approaching annual meeting of shareholders of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, the Directors will recommend a dividend at the rate of 15 per cent. per annum (making 14 per cent. for the year), adding £25,000 to Reserve Fund (raising it to £1,600,000) and carrying forward £124,687."

THE RUBBER BOOM.

As illustrating the remarkable appreciation which has taken place in some of the leading shares, the *Penny Gazette* says the following table gives food for thought:

	Price	Price
Anglo-Malay	15/0	22/6
Bukit Rajah	8/11	39/6
Consolidated Malay	3/2	24/6
Highlands	3/6	5/6
Kuala Lumpur	6/8	8/8
Langkat (150 paid 3 p.m.)	36/6	85/-
Malacca Profs.	3/6	9/11
Petaling (East)	22/7	38/0
Selangor (2/0)	39/15	44/0
Straits Borneo	3/13	6/0
Sunatra Para (2/0)	5/7	10/3
United Siam	3/16	4/6
Valambrosa (2/0)	25/7	35/6

Our contemporary asks: "Doesn't this look as if the top of the boom had almost been reached?"

AUSTRALIAN COAL STRIKE.

Peter Bowling and three others in the Australian coal strike have been indicted at Sydney under the Strike Suppression Act. They were found guilty of having taken part in a meeting in aid of the continuing of the strike. Bowling was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment, and each of the others to eight months.

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PAY AND PROMOTION IN THE BRITISH ARMY.

LONDON, March 10th.

Replying to various speeches made in the House of Commons respecting the pay of Army officers, Mr. Byles said he was anxious to agree that the matter should receive attention, but he deprecated exaggeration. He had examined the question of promotion in the Garrison Artillery and found the cause of stagnation to be temporary.

PROPOSED AUSTRIAN LOAN.

LONDON, March 10th.

A Vienna telegram states that the Government has asked the Chamber to authorise the raising of a loan for £7,550,000 sterling at 4 per cent.

It is understood that the military measures adopted during the crisis which followed the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina depleted the treasury.

JAPANESE ROYAL VISITORS IN SPAIN.

LONDON, March 10th.

Prince and Princess Fushimi have arrived in Seville, and were received by Their Majesties the King and Queen of Spain.

THE BRITISH NAVY ESTIMATES.

LONDON, March 10th.

The Navy Estimates total £40,603,700, showing an increase of £5,551,000 on those of last year.

Shipbuilding and armaments account for over five millions of this increase.

The total of the sums set down for new construction is £13,279,830, of which £11,850,790 is to be spent on the continuation of ships now in course of construction, and £1,429,040 for beginning ships of the new programme which is composed of:—

- 5 large armoured ships,
- 5 protected cruisers,
- 20 destroyers,
- and a number of submarines.

"PRESERVING OUR STANDARD OF NAVAL POWER."

Replying to Mr. Byles, who asked whether the German Chancellor's statement on the 6th inst. would influence the coming Naval Estimates in the direction of retrenchment, Mr. McKenna, First Lord of the Admiralty, replied that the friendly tone of the speech was cordially reciprocated, but, he added, "our estimates are not based on the assumption that other nations mean to be unfriendly to us, or we to them. They are framed so as to preserve our standard of naval power."

THE INTERNATIONAL RAILWAY LOAN TO CHINA.

LONDON, March 10th.

It is reported from Washington that Mr. Wilson, the Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has stated that France, Germany and the United States have agreed to make a final suggestion to Great Britain with a view to the removal of Great Britain's objections to a division among four countries of the Hankow Railway loan of thirty million dollars.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Apex str. *Arratoon* from Calcutta left Singapore on the 9th inst. afternoon, and may be expected here on or about the 14th inst. The T.K.K. str. *Tzejo* from Hongkong arrived at San Francisco on the 4th inst.

THE HONGKONG REGATTA.

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN HONGKONG AND CANTON.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

Canton, 9th March, 1910.

DEAR SIR,—With reference to the correspondence in your local Press regarding the Canton Rowing Club's refusal to defend their title as holders of the Hongkong Challenge Cup at the forthcoming Regatta under the conditions drawn up by the Hongkong Regatta Committee, I beg to enclose part of the correspondence exchanged between my Club and the Hongkong Regatta Committee. This, I hope, will show, at least to rowing men, that the action of my Committee was not without justification.

I shall be obliged if you will find space for these lines in one of your next issues, and am, dear sir, yours faithfully,

ERNEST LUND,
Hon. Secretary.

- Enc.—
(1) Copy of a letter from Hongkong, 27th December, 1904.
(2) Copy of a letter from Canton, 24th February, 1910.
(3) Copy of a letter from Hongkong, 25th February, 1910.
(4) Copy of a letter from Canton, 2nd March, 1910.

Copy.
Central Station, Hongkong,
27th December, 1904.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your letter of 24th December, I have to inform you that competing Clubs may bring their own boats only providing that they are clinker built, as I understand you are. For Clubs that find it inconvenient to bring their own boats will be provided in Hongkong.—Yours faithfully,

(Signed) E. H. HALLIFAX,
Hon. Sec., H.K. Regatta.

[This letter was received in reply to an enquiry from Canton as to the class of boats to be used for the Hongkong Regatta (Hongkong Challenge Cup).]

Canton, 24th February, 1910.

Frank Lammett Esq.,
The Hon. Secretary,
The Hongkong Regatta, Hongkong.
DEAR SIR,—I beg to acknowledge your letter of 21st inst. with reference to the conditions under which your Committee propose that the Hongkong Challenge Cup shall henceforth be rowed.

The position my Committee adopt in this matter is as follows:—

On one occasion when the Canton Rowing Club competed for this cup, enquiry was made as to the type of boat that should be used, and the Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Regatta replied in a letter dated December 27th, 1904, that "Competing Clubs may bring their own boats only providing they are clinker built." Later, on February 21, 1910, it was suggested by the Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Boat Club, that a certain design of boat should be ordered by the Canton Rowing Club which "would be useful for Interport and Club Racing." With this suggestion the Canton Rowing Club concurred, and in that type of boat the Canton Rowing Club has ever since regularly competed for the Challenge Cup.

Last year, at which time we were holders of the Cup, when the boat question was raised, my Committee deemed it advisable to ascertain the exact conditions under which the race was held, and a copy of the rules was asked for on March 15, 1909. No answer to this request was vouchsafed and nothing further supervised until the issue of this year of the Hongkong Regatta Programme, when it was observed that it was stipulated that all four-oared boats to be rowed in the Cruikshank type of boat.

It is noted, however, that in the Rules governing the race Rule 3 states that the boats used must be "similar in type and construction." In this connection I must draw your attention to the fact that at the first regatta, when the Canton Rowing Club competed for this cup, all the boats used were similar in type and design, and that the first departure from that design was made by the Hongkong Club in introducing first the *Leur* and subsequently the Cruikshank type, and the spirit of the original rules will be more faithfully observed by a reversion on your part to the clinker type than by the adoption of the Hongkong Clubs of the Cruikshank type.

On the other hand, my Committee would point out that the phrase used in Rule 3 is "similar and not identical," and they maintain that the boats used by the Canton Rowing Club are in fact similar in type and in construction to the Cruikshank boats, though not identical, and that the Canton Rowing Club, the holders of the Cup which they have won on more than one occasion in boats of the clinker type (as type introduced at the suggestion of the Hongkong Boat Club and specifically allowed by previous Regatta Committees), are entitled, even under the rules now put forward, to compete at the forthcoming regatta in their own boats.

As time is very pressing I have taken liberty to cable you to-day as per copy enclosed.

An early reply to this letter will greatly oblige.—I am, dear sir, your obedient servant,
(Signed) ERNEST LUND,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, February 25th, 1910.
The Hon. Secretary,
Canton Rowing Club, Canton.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your letter of 24th inst. on the subject of the conditions for competition for the Hongkong Challenge Cup, allow me to refer you to the final words of Rule 3, which no doubt escaped your attention. This proviso—that it is for the Committee for the time being to decide what boats shall or shall not be

used—was obviously inserted to guard against contentions similar to yours, and to prevent argument as to what constitutes similarity in type and construction.

I may also point out that the Hongkong Boat Club has no greater voice in the deliberations of the Committee of the Hongkong Regatta than has any other local boating club, so that any invitations issued, or suggestion made by that Club, is only of a private nature, and in no way binds this Committee.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favour covering entries for the Senior Pairs, Junior Pairs and Hongkong Challenge Cup (Fours) accompanied by \$11—for which many thanks.—Yours faithfully,

(Signed) FRANK LAMMETT,
Hon. Secretary.

[It should be noticed that no reference is made to the letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Regatta Committee dated 27th December, 1904, referred to in our letter of 24th.—E.L.]

Canton, 2nd March, 1910.

Frank Lammett Esq.,
The Hon. Secretary,
The Hongkong Regatta.
DEAR SIR,—Your letter of 25th February has been duly received and laid before my Committee.

On consideration it has been decided that we will not compete for the Cup on the conditions laid down by your Committee. We have cancelled our Regatta, and we herewith withdraw our entries sent on 24th February for your Regatta.

The reasons which actuate my Committee in adopting this course are as follows:—

(1) The conditions stipulated by the donor of the Cup distinctly state that boats used in competition shall be of similar type and construction. We have rowed in one type of boat ever since 1905, at which time all competitors used this identical type.

(2) Should it for any reason have been deemed fit by the Regatta Committee to depart from this type of boat we entirely fail to see why such decision should disqualify our boat, which presumably was one fulfilling the conditions originally laid down by the donor.

(3) We, on our part, have not objected to the introduction of the Cruikshank type of boat, as we were of opinion that it was of a "similar type and construction" to our original type, as laid down by the governing rules.

(4) We maintain that the Regatta Committee acted arbitrarily in limiting the race to one particular make of boat, some of which was, as the Regatta Committee well know, in the possession of the Canton Rowing Club, the holders of the Challenge Cup for the past two years.

(5) In conclusion, it would seem hardly necessary to point out that it is unknown at any Regatta that visitors should be compelled to row in boats supplied by their resident opponents.

We therefore consider the action of the present Regatta Committee to be unfair and most unparliamentary.—I am, dear sir, yours faithfully,

(Signed) T. E. GRIFFITH,
Chairman.

CHINESE AND OXFORD EXAMINATIONS.

Mr. T. K. Quay, Hon. Secretary, Oxford Local, Queen's College, forwards to us a copy of the following letter received from the Secretary of Local Examination Office, Merton Street, Oxford:—

DEAR SIR,—The activity of the English and Americans in educational matters in China has been for some time engaging the attention of political writers in Germany. Quite recently I read an important article in one of the chief German monthly reviews on the whole question, and I found that special note was taken of the proceedings in the matter of the proposed University at Hongkong.

It was I who moved the University of Oxford to make the change in its Statutes, which led to the acceptance of Classical Chinese and English as substitute for Latin and Greek in the case of Oriental students.

Both native Chinese and Englishmen interested in China have spoken to me, during the last few years, about the desirability of attracting to England a greater portion of the native Chinese who are now coming in larger numbers to Europe for the purpose of study.

It has occurred to me that the new possibilities at Oxford might with advantage become better known amongst educated natives and that they might be interested in learning how much time might be saved if they were enabled to pass an Examination in China which freed them from a Preliminary Examination at Oxford and thus enabled them to proceed without interruption to prosecute their studies here, should they ultimately decide to come.

Among the considerations which were laid before me by those who induced me to move the University was one of considerable importance. It was pointed out that under the arrangements which were in vogue a student who desired to come to Oxford was obliged to spend some time in this country in preparing for his initial Examination.

As to any action which it may be thought desirable to take in Hongkong or in any of the neighbouring parts of China, those who are resident on the spot can alone judge.

I hope that you will not think that I have travelled out of my province in sending to you this unofficial letter. The assistance which natives educated in England might render to your University when this is established would appear to be very considerable.—Yours very truly,

H. T. GERRARD.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Hongkong Legislative Council was held yesterday in the Council Chamber.

The following were present:—

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, SIR FREDERICK JOHN DEALTRY LUGARD, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.

HIS EXCELLENCY MAJOR-GENERAL R. G. BROADWOOD, C.B. (General Officer Commanding the Troops).

Hon. Sir F. H. MAY, K.C.M.G. (Colonial Secretary).

Hon. Mr. F. A. HAZELAND (Attorney-General).

Hon. Mr. A. M. THOMSON (Colonial Treasurer).

Hon. Mr. W. CHATHAM, C.M.O. (Director of Public Works).

Hon. Mr. A. W. BREWIN (Registrar-General).

Hon. Mr. F. J. BAILEY (Capt. Superintendent of Police).

Hon. Mr. W. J. GRESSON.

Hon. Mr. E. A. HEWITT.

Hon. Mr. W. YUK, C.M.G.

Mr. C. CLEMENTI (Clerk of Council).

MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.

The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table Financial Minutes (Nos. 6 to 12A), and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

PAPERS.

The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the following papers:—Jury List for 1910; Annual report on the British section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway for 1909.

THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

HIS EXCELLENCY—Gentlemen, it has been the custom for the last two years to cause to be laid on the table of this Council, in the early months of the year, a report of the progress of the railway for the preceding twelve months and a revised estimate of the total cost of completion.

The report for the last year and the revised estimates for the completion is now before you, and I propose with your permission to endeavour to explain the figures and to enlarge on the details of the reports, as I have usually done in previous years. You will probably wish in the first place that I should allude to the total cost for the completion of the railway. The original estimate of the Chief Resident Engineer was, as you remember, \$8,000,000. That estimate did not include the cost of rolling stock, neither of which could be estimated for in June, 1907, at the time when this estimate was framed.

It did not also include interest on the capital account and loss on exchange. At the end of the year before last, 1908, a revised estimate for completion was made by the Chief Resident Engineer and was laid before this Council. That estimate included the two items of which I have spoken, the cost of workshops and the cost of rolling stock, but it did not include interest on capital expenditure and loss on exchange. That estimate amounted to \$11,004,428, and at the time the estimate was laid before this Council I went at considerable detail into the reason for this very considerable increase. I am glad to say that the present estimated cost for completion does not very greatly exceed those figures, for though the full total now stands at \$12,371,495, which is an increase of \$1,367,567 on the former estimate, out of that sum \$913,922 is for interest on capital account and for loss on exchange, which have been hitherto omitted from all estimates. I explained at some considerable length at the time I introduced the annual estimates for the Colony the reason why I considered and the Secretary of State approved of this sum being charged to the railway instead of to the current revenue of the Colony. It is, in fact, a debit to the railway and a credit to the colonial revenue.

Dealing with the several items in the report, it will be noticed that expenditure under Land remains the same as it was before. No alteration has been made in these figures pending the final decision as to the location of the terminal station. Unofficial members of the Council, who at my invitation a short time ago attended the Executive Council, are aware of the advantages and disadvantages claimed for the alternative schemes. If the scheme which we have recommended to the Secretary of State on the advice of the managing director, Mr. Lindsey, is accepted, the present figures on land will be decreased by some four lakhs, but if, on the other hand, the station is to be placed on the land recently resumed it will probably be increased by the same amount. Under earth work last year the estimated cost was reduced by \$132,222, which appears to have been due to a miscalculation by the late Chief Resident Engineer. In spite of a saving of some \$85,000 effected by Mr. Lindsey in the cost of the big cutting at Hangchow by altering the central line, a careful estimate of the total required to complete the earth work shows there will be an increase on the original estimate of \$127,080 and over last year's estimate of \$319,403. You will see the full details as to the reasons and the different items for this increase in the report on the table. Under tunnels there is an increase of \$511,320, which includes a sum of \$235,207 for completion of the Beacon Hill tunnel. As we have all learned, these tunnels have been found exceedingly difficult to estimate for, and due to the exceedingly hard nature of the rock and to other causes there has been a total increase on the original estimate of \$1,607,780, which is something like 73 per cent. on the original estimate. With reference to that I may mention that in looking over some papers the other day I found a note of a conversation I had with Sir John Wolfe Barry in London

before I came out to the Colony, in which the Consulting Engineers estimated the cost of tunnelling at \$70 per yard, which works out at \$260 a foot, and you will see by the table given in the report what the actual cost has been. It roughly tallies with the 73 per cent. I have quoted. I am thankful to say that all the tunnels on the railway are now completed. They have all been constructed for double lines with the exception of the long tunnel. You will see from the very interesting table in the report, that No. 1 tunnel is the most costly. That was the only tunnel which was made completely by contract, and there were no particular difficulties of any sort in its construction. No. 5 tunnel is probably on the whole, in proportion to its length, the cheapest of all, and that tunnel was undoubtedly from an engineering point of view much the most difficult. Its completion reflects the greatest credit on the engineer, Mr. Logan, who is in charge of the construction, both in respect of his engineering ability and of the control he has maintained over the cost. Under roads there is an increase of \$35,220 over last year's estimate, which is \$37,700 over the original estimate. This is almost entirely due to an under-estimate of the very expensive approaches to the Gascoyne Road bridge, which, as you know, is built at the junction of two roads. Under bridges, major, minor and culverts, there is a total increase last year of \$156,553. Of this I regret to say \$94,379 represents loss due to defective bridges. On the other hand, in looking at the estimates you will find there is an anticipated saving of \$139,998 on station buildings, and this in spite of the fact that \$100,000 had been set aside for a railway pier which has hitherto not been included. We intend that the buildings shall be of an expensive character until such time as experience and the demands of traffic show us what permanent and more expensive buildings are necessary. There is a decrease also in the estimate for completion and construction of \$132,115. The original cost of plant was about five and a half lakhs and depreciation to the extent of two lakhs has already been written off, and if we estimate the balance will realise two-thirds of the book values there only remains a debit to the railway of one lakh, which allows for the estimated saving of \$132,115. Similarly under stores credit is shown for \$190,000 after all due depreciation has been written off. Progress on the railway generally has been very satisfactory during the past year. The tunnels, as I have said, are now entirely completed, and the long Beacon Hill tunnel, 7,212 feet in length, reflects, as I think we should all agree, the greatest credit on the tunnel superintendent, Mr. Waite, the staff, and on the engineers engaged in the alignment and supervision. Plate-laying and ballasting were begun at the commencement of this year and are making fair progress. We hope the line will be open to traffic in July next and that it will be completed entirely by the end of December this year. The temporary line will not, as was anticipated, go over the engineers' or overland route, but owing to the alteration in the central line through the big cutting at Hangchow it will now be able to follow the permanent route. By the time the rolling stock arrives from England and is erected—it is already two months overdue—we hope that the bridges now being reconstructed will be finished. The last part of the report is by the Medical Officer, and it is an exceedingly satisfactory report. There has been a very great decrease in sickness and disease amongst those employed on the railway. At the tunnel the percentage of material cases fell from 4.42 per cent. the figure at which it stood in 1907, to .76, which is a decrease of 590 per cent. and for this great credit is due to the indefatigable exertions of the railway medical officer, Dr. Hartley. Towards the close of last year Mr. Lindsey replaced Mr. Eves as Chief Resident Engineer and traffic superintendent. We have obtained the loan of his services for two years in person that we may get the highest possible expert advice both as regards organisation of traffic and as regards the methods by which the Canton section and our own section may be most advantageously and profitably worked in the future. I have every possible reason to be satisfied with what I have seen of his work, and he has already made several proposals which tend to efficiency and economy. I think you will all agree with me that it is very sound policy to obtain at a time like this the highest possible expert advice even at a little extra cost. It means the future economical working of the railway and profitable arrangements with regard to the Canton section. I have only to add that if any member desires further information or wishes to ask any questions opportunity will be given at the next meeting of the Council, when a resolution will be proposed for the amount of money which will be spent during the current year.

PENSION AMENDMENT ORDINANCE.

The Attorney-General moved the second reading of the Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to amend the Pension Ordinance, 1862." In doing so he said:—This Bill gives effect to the instructions of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, who is not prepared to sanction the privilege granted to the Governor under section 56 of the principal Ordinance and inserted at the instance of the unofficial members, because the privilege has recently been abolished as an opportunity offered in these colonies in which it previously existed.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

Council then went into committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

On resuming, the Attorney-General reported that the Bill had passed through committee without amendment, and moved that it be read a third time.

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THE COLONIAL TREASURER—I don't think, sir, the saving of time is a strong point at all. It is only a few minutes in the whole proceedings and I don't know that any great effort is made to save time in the courts.

The Colonial Treasurer—No, they waste a lot of time.

HIS EXCELLENCY—Don't the words as they stand give an alternative discretion to the officer administering the oath?

The Attorney-General—A person must repeat it.

Hon. Mr. Hewitt—To an ordinary man holding up his hand, having the oath read, is the same as taking it but the lower classes when they repeat the words are more impressed by them.

The Colonial Treasurer—There is not a single one who tells the truth if he wants to tell a lie. I know the lower orders myself, and if one of them wanted to tell a lie no oath would stop him from doing it.

The Registrar-General—Is that the same in China?

The Colonial Treasurer—In China there is no oath at all and this matter does not apply to Chinese.

HIS EXCELLENCY—I think the oath has a binding force or it would not have been employed for all these hundred years.

The Colonial Treasurer—Anyone can take a declaration. Why make provision for an elaborate form of oath which anyone may refuse to take?

HIS EXCELLENCY—Your proposal is to cross out section 2?

The Colonial Treasurer—I don't see any use for it at all.

The Attorney-General—I am rather in favour of keeping the practice more uniform with the practice in England.

The Colonial Treasurer—Of course, that is the rule in all legal institutions. You must stick to old customs. You cannot introduce any reform.

The Attorney-General—I am personally very much in favour of uniformity of law.

H. E. THE GENERAL—No one can be forced to take this particular oath?

The Attorney-General—No. They can take the Scotch form of oath or even kiss the Book.

HIS EXCELLENCY—The object of retaining section 2 is that it is the normal form. If a man objects to it he can take the Scotch oath.

The Colonial Treasurer—You cannot call it normal. This is a new form.

HIS EXCELLENCY—But it will be the normal form in the future unless a man distinctly objects to it. Then he can take the Scotch oath under clause 3.

Section 2 sub-section 1 was amended as suggested by the Attorney-General, the form of the oath being altered to "I swear by Almighty God."

Council then resumed.

The Attorney-General reported that the Bill had passed through committee with slight amendments, and moved, no member objecting, that it be read a third time.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

OFFICIAL SIGNATURES FEES ORDINANCE.

The Attorney-General moved the second reading of the Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to amend the Official Signatures Fees Ordinance, 1888." In doing so he said:—Certain licences which were formerly issued by the Colonial Secretary are now issued either by the Colonial Treasurer or by the Captain Superintendent of Police. It was the practice for the Colonial Secretary in the case of the transfer of a licence to another person to charge a fee of two dollars for such transfer under the provisions of Ordinance 1 of 1888 (Official Signatures Fees Ordinance). There is no provision in the said Ordinance authorising a fee to be charged for the signature of the Colonial Treasurer and Captain Superintendent of Police, respectively. This is not a new impost.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

Council then went into committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

On resuming, the Attorney-General reported that the Bill had passed through committee without amendment, and moved that the Bill be read a third time.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

HIS EXCELLENCY—Council adjourns sine die.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was then held, the Colonial Secretary presiding. The following votes were passed:—

PUBLIC WORKS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) in aid of the vote, Public Works, Extraordinary, Miscellaneous, Furniture, etc., for the Public Works Department Matched and the District Officer's Quarters at Tai Po for use by Engineers, Surveyors and Overseers.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of one hundred and sixteen dollars (\$116) in aid of the vote, Public Works, Extraordinary, Miscellaneous, Bamboo Fence around the proposed garden at the Queen's Slates Square.

The Chairman—This is for putting up a railing in Royal Square.

Hon. Mr. Gresson—Is this going to be a permanent thing?

The Chairman—We hope to put up something better than a bamboo railing.

Hon. Mr. Osborne—Why not put up an iron railing?

The Chairman—We are getting an iron railing from Home, but it is not out yet.

Hon. Mr. Osborne—I am afraid if you put up a bamboo railing we will never get anything better.

The Chairman—I don't see the point of that remark.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of Five hundred Dollars (\$500) in aid of the vote, Public Works, Extraordinary, Miscellaneous, Fish Breeding Pond Construction.

The Chairman—It is proposed to endeavour to import and breed the fish known as the black bass in the Philippine Islands. We propose to place them in the reservoir and issue fishing licences. I have no doubt if the experiment succeeds we will derive a little revenue from those licences. Some time ago we made an experiment with trout, but it did not succeed. Now we propose to import black bass, which is quite an important fish. I don't know whether you ever caught one, but I made its acquaintance last summer.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of fourteen thousand six hundred and ninety-four Dollars (\$14,694) in aid of the vote, Public Works, Extraordinary, for the following items:—

Staff Quarters, Tai Po ... \$281

Addition of Room at Queen's College for Pupils Teachers ... 4,725

Market at Aberdeen ... 2,200

Extension of Tai Po Land Office to afford accommodation for District Officer ... 7,488

Total ... \$14,694

SANITARY DEPARTMENT.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of Two hundred and two Dollars (\$202) in aid of the vote, Sanitary Department, Personal Emoluments, Veterinary Staff, Tallyman at Mu Tan Kok Slaughter House.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of Twenty-eight Dollars (\$28) in aid of the vote, Colonial Secretary's Department and Legislature, Other Charges, Hansard Reports.

LAND RESUMPTION.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of One thousand one hundred and fifty-five Dollars (\$1,155) in aid of the vote, Public Works, Extraordinary, Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, Compensation to the Squatters in Hok Un Village for resumption of their land and for disturbance.

COMPENSATION TO OPTUM DIVAN LICENCEES.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of Sixteen thousand seven hundred and forty-seven Dollars and twenty-seven Cents (\$16,747.27), in aid of the vote, Miscellaneous Services, Compensation to the Licencees of Opium and Dross Opium Divans whose divans have been closed as from the 1st of March, 1910.

The Chairman—This compensation to the licencees of opium divans.

Hon. Mr. Gresson—Has the Home Government's attention been drawn to this expenditure? They will begin collecting it by and by when we expect to get something back from them.

The Chairman—Yes. His Excellency has included the item in the claim of this Government.

THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

The report of Mr. E. S. Lindsey, Chief Resident Engineer of the British section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, which was presented to the Legislative Council yesterday, states that it is impossible to fix a date at present for the opening of the line, but it will take at least six weeks after the underframe are out for the rolling stock to be ready, so that it would not be safe to reckon on anything earlier than July.

The grand total of the estimated cost is now put at \$12,371,495.45, which is \$1,367,567 more than the last estimate prepared by Mr. Eves. The excess, it is stated, is mainly due to the inclusion of interest and loss of exchange, amounting to \$913,922.67, which has not appeared hitherto in the estimates. The debit and credit adjustments of the other items amounts to an excess of \$453,444.79 which is explained under the various heads in the notes on the estimates.

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KAISERLICH DEUTSCHES KONSULAT.

Pakhoi, den 2. März 1910. [386]

HONGKONG GYMKHANA CLUB.

A MEETING of Members of the HONGKONG GYMKHANA CLUB will be held TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 12th inst., at Noon, at the Office of the Hongkong Jockey Club, to elect a Committee for the coming year and to decide upon the date of the First Gymkhana.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1910. [387]



SEALED TENDERS in duplicate will be received at the R.N. HOSPITAL until 10 a.m. on 21st March, 1910, from persons desirous of supplying BEEF, MUTTON, FOWLS, PORK, BREAD, CHEESE, PURE COW'S MILK, SEATED WATER, ICE, and Other Provisions, and necessities for the year ending 31st March, 1911.

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Wm. TAIT, Deputy Inspector General.

R. N. Hospital, Hongkong, 11th March, 1910. [390]

STOCKBROKERS' ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

NOTICE

THE COMMITTEE has decided that the following shall be the Settling Days for 1910:

TUESDAY,	29th March.
FRIDAY,	2nd April.
TUESDAY,	31st May.
WEDNESDAY,	29th June.
FRIDAY,	29th July.
TUESDAY,	30th August.
THURSDAY,	29th September.
SATURDAY,	29th October.
TUESDAY,	29th November.
THURSDAY,	29th December.

By Order of the Committee.

THOS. I. ROSE, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1910. [389]

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THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), MARCH 12TH, 1910.

MAIN EVENT.

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Hongkong, U.S.S. "Wilmington".

25 3-minute Rounds.

3 Preliminaries.

Booking and Plans at the ROBINSON PIANO CO. Late Car to Peak. Late Ferry.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1910. [388]

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Hongkong, 10th March, 1910. [14]

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Hongkong, 9th March, 1910. [378]

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

THE SEVENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, 87, George's Building, at Noon, on TUESDAY, the 15th March, 1910, to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1909, and the Report of the General Manager and Consulting Committee and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st March to the 14th day of March, both days inclusive.

THE CHINA-BORNEO Co., Ltd., W. G. DARBY, General Manager.

Hongkong, 28th February, 1910. [346]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held in the Office of the General Managers, St. George's Buildings, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 19th day of March, 1910, at 11.30 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1909, Deputing a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 10th day of March, 1910, until SATURDAY, the 19th day of March, 1910, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1910. [357]

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LTD.

NOTICE

THE THIRTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Peddar's Street, on THURSDAY, the 24th March, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statements of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1909.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to 24th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd. General Agents.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1910. [359]

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JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd. General Agents.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1910. [370]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

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SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1910. [309]

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE

THE SEVENTEENTH HALF-YEARLY DRAWING OF SIXTY-FIVE DEBENTURES (1896 issue) of the Hongkong Club, payable on THURSDAY, the 31st March, 1910, will be held at the Club House, at 11 o'clock a.m. on FRIDAY, the 18th March, 1910.

Bearers of Debentures are invited to attend the Drawing.

By Order, JAMES CRAIK, Secretary.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1910. [361]

HONGKONG REGATTA.

SIXTH MEETING, TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), 12TH MARCH, 1910.

THE COMMITTEE request the pleasure of the presence of the Ladies of the Colony at the above REGATTA at FENWICK'S RECREATION, East Point.

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FRANK LAMBERT, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1910. [384]

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Hongkong, 31st December, 1909. [106]

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Hongkong, 1st March, 1910. [89]

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Hongkong, 10th March, 1910. [383]

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Hongkong, 9th March, 1910. [91]

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Hongkong, 1st March, 1910. [88]

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Hongkong, 9th December, 1909. [100]

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Hongkong, 2nd February, 1910. [151]

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Hongkong, 1st March, 1910. [87]

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Hongkong, 8th March, 1910. [95]

TO LET.

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Hongkong, 1st March, 1910. [90]

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Hongkong, 8th December, 1909. [95]

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Hongkong, 3rd March, 1910. [363]

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Hongkong, 1st March, 1910. [325]

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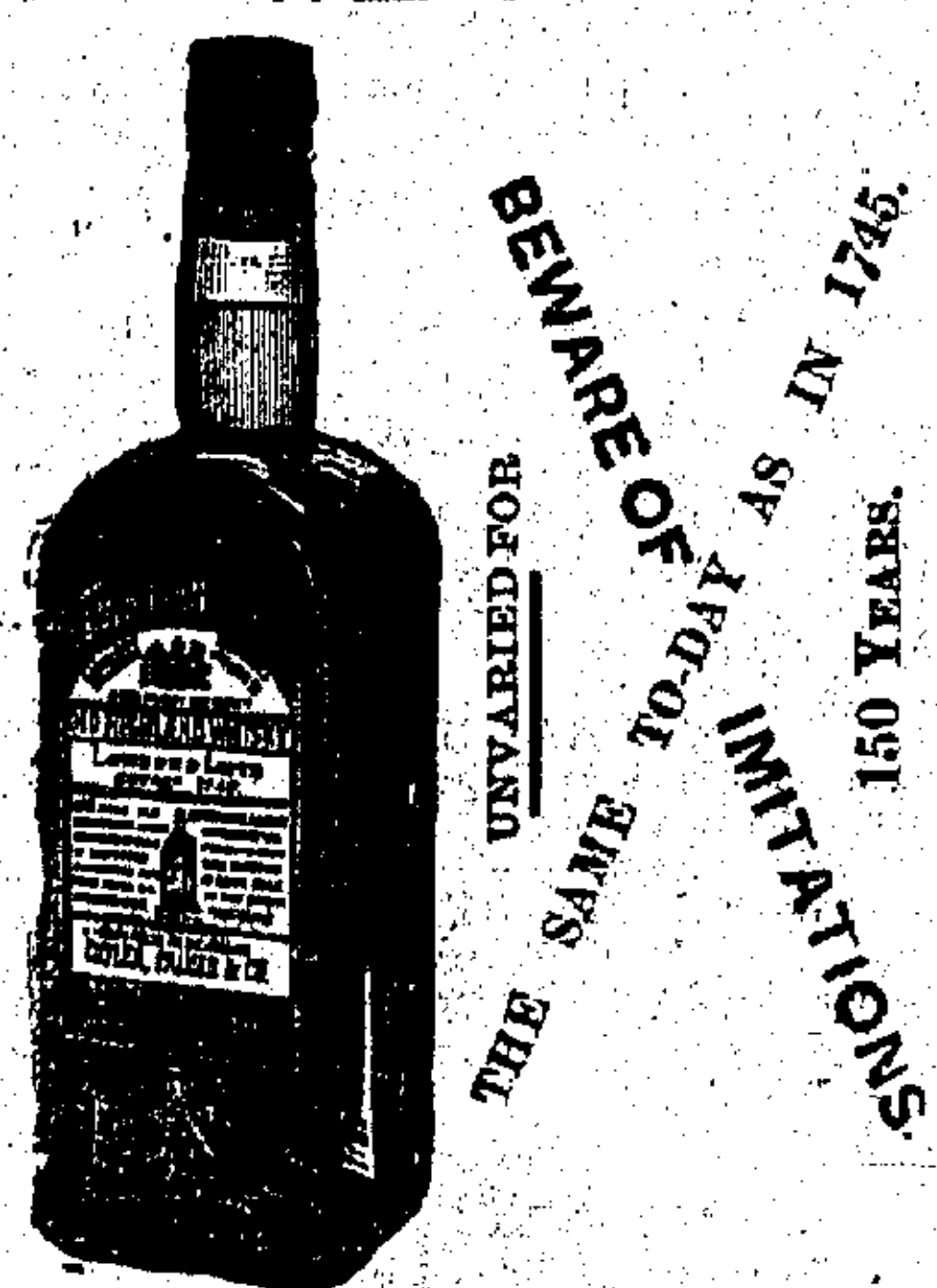
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Hongkong, 5th March, 1910. 1268

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THE CURRENCY PROBLEM IN CHINA.

PAPER BY MR. E. H. PARKER.

At the meeting of the Manchester Statistical Society on February 9, Professor E. H. Parker, of Manchester University, read a paper on Chinese commerce, banking and economics. In the course of his remarks Professor Parker said that Manchester merchants will naturally be more interested in cotton goods than in anything else, and it is therefore sad to have to record for 1908 a decrease in value of Tls. 8,000,000, which sum (had the Tael been valued as highly in 1907) means Tls. 18,000,000 from the British manufacturers' sterling price and quantity point of view. Similarly, woolen and cotton mixtures declined by one-half in quantity, and by Tls. 110,000 in value. Woolen goods in quantity only, but not in value—i.e., the Chinaman had to pay more silver for the same sterling value. The misfortune of Lancashire, on the other hand, are the triumph of China, for the Shanghai yarn mills in 1908 distributed 83 per cent. more yarn in 1907, and vast quantities are now being pressed and packed in Shanghai, shipped to Dairen, and thence taken by train straight to Moscow. As recently pointed out by Mr. Morrison Frewin in the North American Review, this all means that the cotton trade, if they persistently hold on to a silver currency, will soon have no industrially at their mercy. The silver dollar (exactly the same in intrinsic value as the American silver dollar, which has the conventional gold value of 46 2/3) is only worth between 1s. 6d. and 1s. 9d., and the fluctuations are so great that even during the past two years silver has fallen from 25 to 30 per cent. in relation to gold. This means that instead of paying the Manchester merchant 310 silver taels for \$100 worth of shirtings, as in days of yore, the unfortunary Chinaman has now to pay Tls. 770 for \$100. No wonder that first the Bombay and Hooghly cotton mills, then the Japanese mills, and now the China mills springing up in every direction threaten to sweep Lancashire trade off the Eastern seas.

Sixty or seventy Chinese, men and women mixed, can be hired for the same sovereign which pays only from four to six English mill hands for the day. No wonder that the talk of the American Steel Corporation starting rolling mills in Siam, which the Peking Syndicate has just abandoned under "rights recovery" pressure; just as, again, the boot mills of Cawnpore have begun to put in upon the British and American leather industries. A great future seems to lie before the Hanyang Iron Works for the same reason, whilst the coal and coke industries of Ping-siang in Kiangsi province show signs of very great activity, even exporting coke abroad. British firms have, therefore, speculated in the exportation of clean, rice-fed Chinese pork from Hankow, and however much we may ridicule the speculation, it certainly is a very striking sign of the times. I do not profess properly to understand currency questions, but, so far as I can see, China's safety consists in maintaining a silver basis, and in keeping the standard of living as low as possible. Even the Japanese are beginning to see, despite their gold currency, that their true economic safety lies in the simplicity of peasant wants. The "Mao" needs but little here below; acquires new weight when applied to the restless luxury of our Western social system.

Concerning Chinese banking, Professor Parker said that in principle it was very much the same as our own except that a larger proportion of the Chinese business was done in exchange pure and simple. The true currency of China was not silver in any form, still less gold, but hard bronze coins strung together in a string of a hundred, and as to foreign exchange, it was a matter of a full strike of a thousand. There were several varieties of cash of different values, and hence, in spite of the activity of trade, in spite of the introduction of railways, of scientific mining and innumerable new industries, the economic condition of the labouring masses was more precarious at this moment than ever it was, and all trade transactions were in a state of uncertainty. The obvious remedy was a radical reform and standardisation of the currency. But far-reaching and injurious though this might be, it was nothing when compared with the huge system of loans-potentially nurtured by the first-class banking element who juggled with taels and dollars every day.

In the discussion which followed the reading of the paper Mr. R. J. Kerr said a grave danger to Manchester's trade with China was that Empire's indebtedness. The millions China had annually to pay to meet her loan obligations were bound to come out of trade. She could only pay by means of exports, and until she could increase her exports she could not take larger imports.

Mr. G. Eckhard and Mr. B. Ellinger, thought Professor Parker had taken a too pessimistic view of Lancashire's trade prospects in China. Mr. Eckhard said that all goods offered by Japanese agents in China were not of Japanese make. Samples had been sent to his firm which had proved to be of Lancashire manufacture. Mr. Ellinger said "the export of yarn from China must be exceptional, and silver probably due to the very low price of silver and the very high price of American cotton."

LORD CHARLES BERESFORD AND THE ADMIRALTY.

The First Lord of the Admiralty recently sent the subjoined letter to a correspondent who asked if the whole Board of Admiralty were satisfied that Lord Charles Beresford's statements at Dartford concerning the Navy had no substantial foundation:

"Admiralty, Whitehall, Feb. 10, 1910. "Dear Sir,—I return you the list of statements made by Lord Charles Beresford. With the exception of the last, all the charges he makes were the subject of investigation by a sub-committee of the Committee of Imperial Defence, over which the Prime Minister presided. The investigation was most exhaustive and lasted for many weeks, and at its conclusion the committee decided that Lord Charles Beresford's charges were devoid of all foundation. The whole Board of Admiralty are quite satisfied that Lord Charles Beresford has no ground for his allegations.

"The last statement on the paper, relating to the *Invisible*, is mere nonsense. The *Invisible* has fired her guns, can fire her guns, and would be able to fire her guns if, unhappily, there should be war.

"Yours faithfully, "REYNOLD McKENNA."

The correspondent submitted the following list of charges, which he attributed to Lord Charles Beresford:— (1) That we are in danger; (2) that we have no organization for war; (3) that the Fleet and its discipline are disorganized; (4) that every body is more or less in a state of irritation; (5) that our trade routes are in danger through the scrapping of ships; and (6) that, if war came, the *Invisible* would be ordered to the dockyard because she could not fire her guns.

PEABY'S NARRATIVE. THE STORY OF AN HISTORIC EXPEDITION TO THE NORTH POLE.

Commander Peary, describing in the February number of *Near's Magazine* his journey to the North Pole, writes:

As we steamed steadily northward the nights grew shorter and shorter and lighter, lighter and lighter so that when we crossed the Arctic Circle, soon after midnight on July 26, we were in perpetual daylight. I have crossed the Circle some twenty times, going and coming, so the fine edge of that experience has been somewhat dulled for me; but the Arctic lander's aspect among my party, Dr. Goodall, McMillan, and Borup, were appropriately impressed. They felt as one feels in crossing the Equator the first time—that it is an event.

A GRIM JOURNEY. Several hundred miles beyond the Arctic Circle we came to a most significant point in our upward journey, marking as it did the grimness of the task before us. No civilised man could have slept meaning for those who come here, and constantly, as we sailed on, these gloomy reminders of heroic deeds told their silent but powerful story.

At the southern limit of Melville Bay we passed the Dunk Islands, where is the little graveyard of the Scotch whalers, who were the pioneers in forcing the passage of Melville Bay, and who died there waiting for the ice to open. These graves date back to the beginning of the nineteenth century. From this point on the Arctic highway is marked by the graves of those who have fallen in the terrible fight with cold and hunger. These mounds bring home to any thoughtful person the meaning of Arctic exploration. The men who lie there were not less courageous, nor less intelligent, than the members of my own party; they were simply more unfortunate.

We reached Cape York on the first day of August. Cape York is the bold bluff headland which marks the southern point of the stretch of Arctic coast inhabited by my Eskimos, the most northerly human beings in the world.

IMPORTANCE OF THE ESKIMOS. These Eskimos are of the most important tools in all my programme of Arctic work; I have been able to utilise them as no explorer ever has before. In the light of recent events I have sometimes wondered if the mission of their life on earth, having lived for generation after generation isolated in that little Arctic oasis, was not to assist in the discovery of the Pole.

Cape York is about 7600 ft. North. Arrived there, we were still farther from the Pole in actual distance than New York is from Tampa, Florida, and immeasurably farther if one considers the difficulties of travelling.

Ahead of me lay my dream, my destiny, the goal of that irresistible impulse which had driven me for twenty-three years to find myself, time after time, against the frigid No of the Great North.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:— On the 10th at 12.15 p.m.—The barometer has fallen moderately over E. Japan and the N.E. coast of China, and risen slightly over W. Japan, the S. coast of China and the Philippines.

The high pressure area lies over the Lower Yangtze and the Yellow Sea. Pressure relatively low to the N.E. of Japan, and over the S. part of the China Sea.

Strong monsoon may be expected in the Formosa Channel and the N. part of the China Sea. Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.18 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:— Hongkong & Neighbourhood (*) N.E. winds, strong to fresh.

Formosa Channel... Same as No. 1. South coast of China between Hongkong and Lianchoa... Same as No. 1. South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan... Same as No. 2. (*) N.E. winds, fresh; drizzling rain at first, possibly improving later.

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Date of Despatch from London	Date due in Hongkong	Vessel
18th & 19th February	13th inst.	Asagator

The *Polynesian*, with the French mail of the 11th ult., left Saigon on Friday, the 11th
inst., at 4 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 14th inst., at daylight.

FOR	PER	DATE
Hoihow and Bangkok	Prometheus	Friday, 11th, 8.00 A.M.
Swatow, Singapore and Bangkok	Paklat	Friday, 11th, 10.00 A.M.
Quang Chow Wan, Hoihow, Paklat and	Hanoi	Friday, 11th, 1.00 P.M.
Haliphong	Sui Tai	Friday, 11th, 1.15 P.M.
Macao	Yuenang	Friday, 11th, 3.00 P.M.
Manila	Providence	Friday, 11th, 5.00 P.M.
Sydney, N.S.W.	Kumero	Saturday, 12th, 10.00 A.M.
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Vancouver, Victoria,	Zadro	Saturday, 12th, 10.00 A.M.
B.C. and Tacoma	Shant	Saturday, 12th, 10.00 A.M.
Manila		Saturday, 12th, 10.00 A.M.
Hankow		Saturday, 12th, 10.00 A.M.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Saturday, 12th March — Auction of High-Class
Irish Goods at Sales Rooms, by Messrs.
Hughes & Hough.
Saturday, 12th March — A Meeting of Hong-
kong Gymkhana Club.
Saturday, 12th March — Hongkong Regatta at
Fenwick's Reclamation.
Saturday, 12th March — Twenty-Third Ordinary
Annual Meeting of Hongkong & Kowloon
Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.
Saturday, 12th March — Boxing at Theatre
Royal.
Monday, 14th March — Fourth Annual Prize
Meeting of China-United Service Rifle
Association, at Kowloon City and King's
Park Ranges.
Monday, 14th March — Auction of Valuable
Leasehold Property by Messrs. Hughes &
Hough.
Tuesday, 15th March — Seventh Ordinary Yearly
Meeting of The China-Borneo Co., Ltd.
Friday, 18th March — Seventeenth Half-Yearly
Drawing of Sixty-Eight Debentures of
Hongkong Club.
Friday, 18th March — Bandman New No. 1
Comedy Co. at Theatre Royal.
Saturday, 19th March — Auction of High-Class
Jewelry at their Sales Rooms, by Messrs.
Hughes & Hough.
Saturday, 19th March — Twenty-First Ordinary
Annual Meeting of Green Island Cement
Co., Ltd.
Thursday, 24th March — Thirty-Second Ordinary
Annual Meeting of China Sugar Refining
Co., Ltd.
Thursday, 24th March — Twenty-Eighth Ordinary
Annual Meeting of Luon Sugar Refining
Co., Ltd.
Thursday, 24th March — Installation of Wor-
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Persian extra fine \$1,650/1,700
Patna New \$1,950 per chest.
Patna Old \$1,950
Bongora New \$1,950
Bongora Old \$1,950

COMMERCIAL.

EXCHANGE CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

On	March 10th.
LONDON—	
Telegraphic Transfer	1/34
Bank Bills, on demand	1/34
Bank Bills, at 30 days sight	1/34
Bank Bills, at 4 months sight	1/34
Bank Bills, at 6 months sight	1/34
Bank Bills, at 9 months sight	1/34
Bank Bills, at 12 months sight	1/34
On PARIS—	
Telegraphic Transfer	217 1/2
Credit, at 4 months sight	221 1/2
On NEW YORK—	
On demand	177
Bank Bills, on demand	423
Credit, at 60 days sight	434
On HONGKONG—	
Telegraphic Transfer	128 1/2
Bank, on demand	128 1/2
On CALCUTTA—	
Telegraphic Transfer	128 1/2
Bank, on demand	128 1/2
On SHANGHAI—	
Bank, at sight	74 1/2
Private, 30 days sight	75 1/2
On YOKOHAMA—	
On demand	84 1/2
On BANGKOK—	
On demand	73 1/2
On BATAVIA—	
On demand	104
On HAIKOW—	
On demand	8 1/2
On SINGAPORE—	
On demand	73 1/2
On MANILA—	
On demand	89 1/2
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	\$11.55
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael	\$160
BAR SILVER, per oz.	25 1/2

SUBSIDIARY COINS.

Chinese	per cent.
Chinese	20 cents piece
Chinese	10
Hongkong	20
Hongkong	10

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

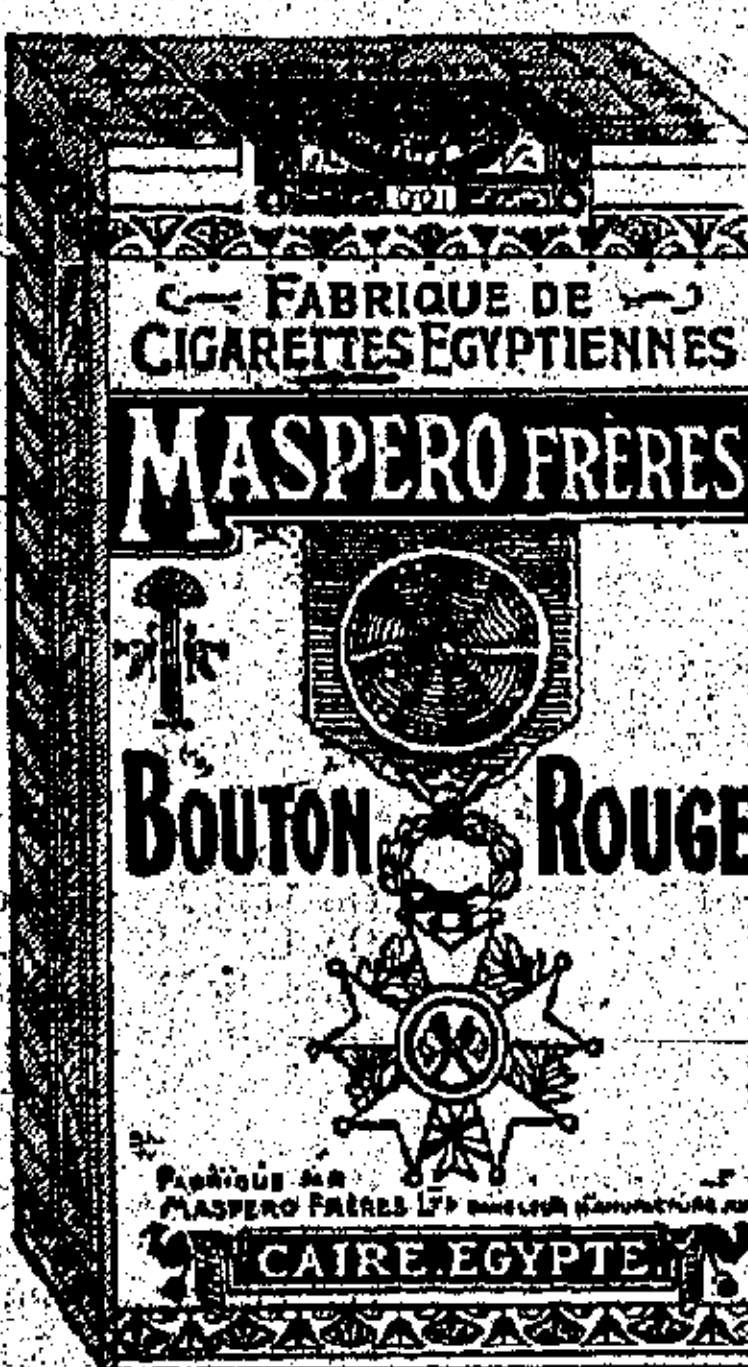
Hongkong Observatory, March 10th.	Previous Day	On Date	On Date
Barometer	30.16	30.28	30.17
Thermometer	59	67	63
Humidity	51	95	70
Wind Direction	ENE	NNE	E
Force	1	1	1
Weather	1	od	0
Rain	0	0.13	0

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HONGKONG, MARCH 10th, 1910.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	CLOSING QUOTA- TIONS CASH.
BANKS.—				
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	\$960, sellers
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	27	26	\$73, buyers
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	8,604	12/6	12/6	\$10, buyers
China Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	\$12	\$10, sellers
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$64, sellers
China Provident, Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$10	\$10	\$84, sellers
COTTON MILLS.—				
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 150
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	Tls. 10	Tls. 10	Tls. 85, sellers
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	Tls. 64
Laon-Kung-Mow C. Spin. & Weav. Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 71
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Limited	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 500	Tls. 370
DAIRY FARM COMPANY, LIMITED	40,000	\$74	\$6	\$18, sales
DOCK AND WHARF.—				
H'kong & Kowloon Wharf & G. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	\$63, sellers
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	\$65, sellers
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited	10,000	\$63	\$63	\$9, sellers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 127
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co., Ltd.	36,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 127
ENRIK & CO., LIMITED	18,000	\$25	\$25	\$11, sellers
GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED	400,000	\$10	\$10	\$74, sellers
Hongkong and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	\$10	\$10	\$205
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	\$10	\$204, buyers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	\$50	\$110, buyers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	8,000	\$25	\$25	\$90, buyers
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Limited	5,000	\$10	\$10	\$107, sellers
INSURANCE.—				
Canlon Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$165, buyers
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$117, buyers
China Traders Insurance Co., Limited	24,000	\$93.33	\$20	\$22, buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited	8,000	\$25	\$25	\$355, ad.
North-China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$12	\$5	Tls. 15, buy.
Union Insurance Society, Limited	12,400	\$250	\$100	\$910
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$60	\$230
LANDS AND BUILDINGS.—				
Hongkong Land Invest. Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	\$100	\$102, sellers
Humphreys' Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$10	\$10	\$30
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	6,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 107
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	78,000	\$30	\$30	\$423
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$30	\$30	\$423
MINING.—				
Societe Francaise des Charbonnages du Tonkin	16,000	Fcs. 250	all	\$625, buyers
Raub Australia Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$21	18/10	\$6, sellers
Peak Tramways Co., Limited	25,000	\$10	all	\$15
Philippine Co., Limited	75,000	\$10	\$10	\$10, buyers
REFINERIES.—				
China Sugar Refining Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$168, sellers
Liaison Sugar Refining Co., Limited	7,000	\$100	all	\$51
Robinson Piano Co., Limited	4,000	\$50	\$50	\$50, sellers
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.—				
China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$25	\$25	\$74, sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$15	\$15	\$304, sellers
Hongkong, Canton & Macao S.B. Co., Ltd.	60,000 pref.	\$5	all	\$23
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000 def.	\$1	\$1	\$77
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited	2,000,000	\$10	\$10	\$26, sellers
Star Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$142, sellers
South China Morning Post, Limited	6,000	\$25	\$25	\$43
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	\$5	\$5	\$43
STORES AND DISPENSARIES.—				
Campbell, Moon & Co., Limited	1,200	\$10	all	\$10
Wm. Powell, Limited	15,000	\$7	\$7	\$3, sellers
Watkins, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$7, sellers
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	90,000	\$10	\$10	\$10, buyers
Weissmann, Limited	3,000	\$10	\$10	\$122, sellers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	9,900 only	\$10	\$10	\$300
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	100 fliers	\$10	\$10	\$10, sellers
RUSSIAN.—				
Balgownie	—	—	—	\$170 (Sta.)
Pegohs	—	—	—	\$41 (Sta.) buy.
Alagars	—	—	—	31/
Anglo-Malays	—	—	—	90/ buyers
Castelfields, fully paid	—	—	—	217/
Consolidated Malays	—	—	—	150/
Damansara	—	—	—	125/
Highlands and Lowlands	—	—	—	7/6 prem.
Kuala Lumpur	—	—	—	87/ buyers
Ledbury's	—	—	—	47/6 buyers
Linggis	—	—	—	38/3 sellers
Sapong	—	—	—	135/
Shelfords	—	—	—	—
Sungei-Kapang	—	—	—	—
LOANS.—				
Amount	Value	Interest	Quotation	
Chinese Imperial 1886	Tls. 767,200	Tls. 250	7 1/2 p. annum	Par.

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VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE SUEZ MAIL.

The M.M. str. *Polynesian*, with French Mails of the 13th ult., and mails from London of the 12th ult., left Singapore on the 7th inst., at 4 p.m., and is expected to arrive here on Monday morning, the 14th inst., and will leave for Shanghai and Japan on the same afternoon.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The N.Y.K. str. *Kawachi Maru* (Australian Line) left Thursday Island for this port via Manila on the 3rd inst., and is expected here on the 14th inst.

THE E. & A. str. *Eastern* from Sydney, &c., left Manila on the 8th inst., at 5 p.m. for this port.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The T.K.K. str. *Chiyo Maru* left Yokohama on the 7th inst., en route to Hongkong, and is scheduled to arrive at this port on the 15th inst.

MERCHANT STRAINERS.

The N.G.I. str. *Capri* left Singapore for this port on the 3rd inst., and may be expected here to-day.

The H. & A. str. *Liberia* left Singapore on the 4th inst. a.m., and may be expected here to-day.

The Bank Line str. *Kumero* left Manila on the 8th inst., and is due here to-day.

The Shire Line str. *Glamorganshire* left Singapore for Hongkong on the 5th inst., and may be expected here to-morrow.

The str. *Glenelg* left Singapore on the 6th inst., and is due here to-morrow at p.m.

The str. *Errol* left United Kingdom on the 5th ult., for Hongkong via Straits.

The N.Y.K. str. *Atsuta Maru* (European Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji and Shanghai on the 5th inst., and is expected here on the 14th inst.

The N.Y.K. str. *Iyo Maru* (European Line) left Singapore for this port, and is expected here on the 14th inst.

The N.Y.K. str. *Yokohama Maru* (Bombay Line) left Singapore on the 8th inst., and is expected here on the 15th inst.

The N.Y.K. str. *Kumano Maru* (Australian Line) left Yokohama for this port via Kobe, Moji and Nagasaki on the 5th inst., and is expected here on the 15th inst.

The Danish str. *Cathay* left Suez on the 14th ult., and may be expected here on or about the 16th inst.

The Bank Line str. *America* arrived at Kobe on the 8th inst., and is due at this port on or about the 18th inst.

The O.S.K. str. *Saio Maru* left Tacoma for this port via Japan and Manila on the 4th inst., and is expected to arrive here on or about the 12th prox.

STREAMERS PASSED THE CANAL.

February 9th—*Glamorganshire*, *Glenelg*, *Iyo Maru*, *Karanga*, *Danpa*, 12th—*Dardania*, *Liberia*, *Monrovia*, *Nile*, *Glenelg*, 16th—*Bentley*, *Cathay*, *Matopo*, 19th—*Kitao Maru*, *Nippon*, *Polynesian*, *Soetra*, 23rd—*Oyach*, *Tenaka*, *Alecia*, 25th—*Calchas*, *Syria*, *Yandania*, *Wakasa Maru*, Mar. 1st—*Benalder*, *Glenelg*, *Yuzvesk*, *Monmouthshire*, *Myrmidon*, *Saradina*, *John Hardie*, *Pembroke*, *Prinz Ludwig*, 4th—*Ali Maru*, *Bellerophon*, *Oceanic*, *Persia*, *Prinz P. E. Friedrich*, 8th—*Argonia*, *Astyanax*, *Bulgaria*, *China*, *Kennetec*, *Sado Maru*, *Suwa*, *Ping Sway*.

ARRIVALS AT HOME.

March 8th—*Cardiganshire*, *Canton*, *Persia*, *Scandia*.

PASSENGERS.

Per *Liaison*, from Calcutta, for Hongkong, Mr. and Mrs. Thaddeus, Mr. A. V. Pinson, Mr. J. D. Brooksmith, Mr. H. Tatomir and Mr. C. Holy.

Per *Hanoi*, from Haiphong, &c., Mr. and Mrs. Lize, Mr. and Mrs. Brossard, Dr. le Dentu, Dr. Guesde, Messrs. Mance, MacKay, Van Gaimo, de Castijo, de la Beaume, de Newella, Botoc di Bourgo, Bonchuet and Amely.

DEPARTURES.

Per *Haitan*, for Swatow, Mr. Oscar Wilson.

Per *Haitan*, for Swatow, Messrs. E. M. Jowar, W. T. Pothier, I. I. McPherson and Ludwig Blazek; for Amoy, Miss Tutton; for Foochow, Miss Johnson Leigh, Sister Macarrie and Mr. M. Lomura.

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"NILE"

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named steamer are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary within 6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 14th inst., at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.